

## DIFFER OVER THE EYE DOCTOR LAW

Attorney General Lucey Declares Optometrists Have Not Complied With the Measure

### REGISTRATION TIME TROUBLES

State Official Says It Has Passed and County Prosecutor Takes Opposite View.

State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson and Attorney General P. J. Lucey are at loggerheads over the new state law requiring registration of optometrists. In a communication received this week from Mr. Lucey's office, the state's attorney is informed that none of the optometrists of Rock Island county has complied with the law. He flatly declares that every one of them is liable to punishment under the act. On this proposition the state's attorney takes issue with the attorney general and he goes further and advises Rock Island county optometrists that they will be within the law if they register before April 1. He has written to Mr. Lucey disputing the attorney general's interpretation and pointing out what he claims is the flaw in the state official's opinion.

The optometrists' registration law states that it shall go into effect July 1, 1915. It provides that optometrists now practicing who have been in business three years may register within three months after an appointment of a state board without the formality of an examination and upon a payment of a fee of \$5. It specifies that those who do not come under the provision shall take an examination and pay a fee of \$10 and there are penalties for practicing without registration. Since Jan. 1 eight Rock Island county optometrists have registered and there are several others affected.

### Calls Interpretation Unreasonable.

The law provides that the governor shall on or before Jan. 1, 1916, appoint the state board. As a matter of fact he made the appointment some time last year, but Mr. Thompson contends that the law was not in effect until the board was formally organized, and that this could not be accomplished until its secretary filed his bond, which was this month.

Mr. Thompson says it is not reasonable that the law should require optometrists to register with a board not formally constituted.

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## TAVENNER TALKS TO BIG AUDIENCE

Rock Island Congressman Discusses Preparedness at Poll's Theatre, Washington.

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—Before one of the largest and most enthusiastic peace meetings probably ever held in the national capital Representative Clyde H. Tavenner Saturday afternoon made a plea for the taking of private profit out of war and preparation for war by having the government manufacture its own armor, munitions and battleships. Five other democratic members of congress also spoke. The meeting was held in Poll's theatre. The meeting was advertised to be given at 3 o'clock, but by 2:30 o'clock every seat on the main floor and the balconies and gallery was filled and people were being turned away. The applause which met every suggestion of Congressman Tavenner, that private profit and private graft be taken out of war and preparations for war through government manufacture, showed that the large crowd was unanimous. Tavenner declared that he was just as patriotic as any of the backers of the Navy league. He said the Navy league backers only showed a desire to protect the nation from enemies without, while he stood ready to give his physical life to protect the nation from without, or his political life to protect the republic from enemies within. "I want to serve notice," he said, "that I am not for peace at any price. I am for war, not with the peoples beyond the seas, but with the traffickers at home who would see the masses taxed until their backs break simply in order to sell munitions, armor and cannon. I am willing to vote for whatever defenses are necessary, providing the work is to be done in government arsenals and navy yards and the money is received by an income tax."

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## EXPECT TO SEND \$800 FROM HERE

Local Jewish Relief Committee to Continue Soliciting Two Days More in Rock Island.

Over \$600 has been collected by the local Jewish relief committee, according to a report made by Simon Lewis, chairman, at a meeting of Jewish people held at the Beth Israel synagogue, Twenty-second street and Third avenue, last night.

More than sixty people were present and it was announced at the meeting that collections would continue until Tuesday. Another meeting will be held again Tuesday evening at the synagogue when the final reports will be made.

"Some of the committees have not reported as yet," Mr. Lewis said today. "They are still working among their own people and I have every reason to believe that when we complete the canvass we will have at least \$800 to send to the relief committee in New York. I want to thank all those who made donations and we want them to know that the Jewish people here appreciate the response which was made to our campaign for the sufferers in Poland."

President Wilson early in January in a proclamation set Jan. 27 as national Jewish relief day, but in many cities the work of soliciting funds was not completed in the one day. There are numerous places where the campaign for funds will be continued until tomorrow.

Mr. Lewis said that on Wednesday the money collected here would be forwarded to the central relief committee in New York.

### MISSIONS IN THREE COUNTRIES HELPED

The foreign mission society of Augustana college met Saturday evening in the annual business session. Reports of committees on work done during the past year were heard and acted upon. The finance committee reported receipts of \$2,047.84 with disbursements of \$1,901.48. To each of the Lutheran missions in Porto Rico, India, and China \$500 was given, and the society voted to increase the amount sent to China and India to \$600, while the gift to Porto Rico mission was set at \$400. A delegate will be sent to the Lutheran Students' Missionary conference, to be held in Greenville, Pa., on Feb. 25 to 27, the board of directors to name the student to attend from Augustana. Officers for the coming year were named:

President—Herbert Swanson. Vice president—Arthur Olson. Secretary—J. A. Martin. Treasurer—Dr. C. A. Blomgren. Members of board of directors—S. J. Sebelius, Fred Andrea and John Steinert.

## NEWS NOTES from MOVIELAND

"The most beautiful face in the world," is the description given by William Fox of Genevieve Hamper, wife of Robert Mantell, and an actress famed on the stage and screen. While other film companies might not agree that Miss Hamper surpassed all others in good looks, there is general agreement that she is a beauty. Mr. Mantell and Miss Hamper, who play opposite each other in tragic roles, have a host of admirers here among discriminating fans.

New Carey Film Receives High Praise. The Red Feather Photo Plays company offers as its second release the well known stage star, Harry D. Carey, in one of the strongest and most unusual dramas of the season, "A Knight of the Range."

Mr. Carey is supported by Olive Fuller Golden, Peggy Coudray and a big cast. The production was directed by Jacques Jaccard. "A Knight of the Range" is the story of the chivalry of a true hearted son of the west, where men grow big of soul as well as of body. His sacrifices for a friend are incidental to a romantic love story, and the magnificent western settings and spirited action combine to make the picture one that will be much sought after.

Helene Has Most Expressive Face. A noted western sculptor declared in a public address recently that Helene Rosson, the 17-year-old American star, is possessed of the most expressive feature in moving pictures.

Critics predicted brilliant success for Miss Rosson after her first screen appearance. Her latest release is "Wild Jim, Reformer."

Warda Howard, who played the leading feminine role in Essanay's feature, "The Raven," has a strong fancy for things pale blue in color. Most all of Miss Howard's gowns are made of pale blue material.

A five-part dramatic feature dealing largely with factory conditions



Genevieve Hamper and Robert Mantell.

Robert Mantell, one of the greatest of Shakespearean actors on the legitimate stage, is now seen only on the screen. His wife, Genevieve Hamper, plays opposite him.

and inspection, written by the well-known authors, Max Marcin and William Lippert, will soon be put into production by the Vitaphone company.

## The Theatre

ILLINOIS. Jan. 31.—"Mutt and Jeff in Cuba."

EMPIRE. Waller Stock company in popular plays. Performances daily at 8:15 p. m.

COLUMBIA. Vaudeville (Davenport). Two performances daily, at 2:45 and 8:15. Three Saturday and Sunday, at 2:45, 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

MAJESTIC. Monday and Tuesday—Mary Boland in "The Edge of the Abyss," an Ince production; Syd Chaplin in the Keystone comedy, "A Submarine Pirate."

Wednesday and Thursday—Orrin Johnson in the Griffith production, "The Penitents"; Ford Sterling in the Keystone comedy, "The Hunt."

Friday—Charles Cherry in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird."

Saturday—Pauline Frederick in "Bella Donna."

SPENCER SQUARE. Monday—D. W. Griffith's masterpiece, "The Escape," with Blanche Sweet.

Tuesday—"Love's Trail," with Agnes Glenn, Pathe news.

Wednesday—"Madame X," with Dorothy Donnelly.

Thursday—"Lord Loveland Discovers America."

Friday—"Camille," with Clara Kimball Young, Pathe news.

Saturday—"Camille," with Clara Kimball Young, Bray's comedy.

BLACK HAWK. Monday—"Red Circle," chapter 1.

Tuesday—"The Masked Substitute," with Charlie Chaplin comedy.

Wednesday—"Diamond From the Sky," "The Superior Claim."

Thursday—"Manna," with Edna Maison; "Ready for Reno;" "The Trap That Failed."

Friday—"The Galloper," in five acts.

Saturday—"The Lost Wagon;" "Loved By a Skirt."

AT THE EMPIRE. Yesterday saw the first production of the "The Price She Paid," by the stock company at the Empire, and while the play is a trifle melodramatic, it is not of the old style, but a modern melodrama of the better class, and it made a strong appeal to yesterday's patrons of the Empire. Prominent in the cast are Pearl Hazelton, who is Marion Grey, and Eddie Waller in the chief comedy role.

AT THE MAJESTIC. A stirring drama and a fine comedy are scheduled to be shown at the Majestic theatre today and tomorrow. Willard Mack and Mary Boland will be seen in "The Edge of the Abyss," while in the comedy end Syd Chaplin will bring laughter in his latest creation, "A Submarine Pirate." This comedy was produced by Mack Sennett and anyone who knows anything about the quality of comedy produced by Keystone will want to see this feature, particularly the comedy. Sight cannot be lost of the drama end of this remark. Willard Mack, whose remarkable work was last seen here in "The Winged Idol," will appear in what critics say is positively his greatest effort to date, "The Edge of the Abyss."

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Agnes Glynn  
—IN—  
**The Love Trail**  
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WALLER PLAYERS  
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